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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, ORR

SUBJECT: Comments on Coordination Staff Papers on Concept
                  and Management of NIS Program

REFERENCE: Memorandum to Members of the Coordination Staff from
                  Assistant for Coordination, dated 15 March 1963,
                  Subject: Concept and Management of NIS Program

1. I have compared the portion of the NIS Standard Instructions
entitled "Nature, Purpose, and Scope of the NIS Program" with the two
draft papers that are proposed as replacement. There are basic differ-
ences which appear to be as follows:

   a. The new papers provide for a very tight USIB control
which did not exist formerly.

   b. The NIS Committee previously was to keep the JCS
informed (See page 3, paragraph 2, NIS Committee, Standard
Instructions), but had much more freedom of action than is
currently proposed.

   c. The basic concept has been changed so that all lower
planning and operational basic intelligence is removed from
the NIS.

   d. CIA, under the proposed committee organization, will
have representation on the NIS Committee in addition to the
Chairman. The previous instructions stated, "The representa-
tive of the Director of Central Intelligence is the Chairman
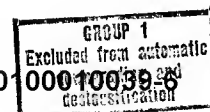of the Committee."

2. Specific comments on the draft papers are as follows:

Concept of the NIS Program   (First Paper)

par. 1, 1.2   Delete "as a foundation." Not necessary.

par. 1   Delete the entire last sentence, "To meet additional
                  basic intelligence needs . . . contained in the NIS."
                  Not a part of the concept of the NIS, therefore not
                  appropriate in this paper.

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par. 3   Is this paragraph necessary? It was included in slightly different form in the earlier Standard Instructions; however, it seems to pertain to basic intelligence production other than the NIS. Isn't this collection done within the various agencies, and wouldn't one assume that each has additional data beyond those reflected in the NIS of the new concept?

par. 3, l. 1   If retained, delete the hyphen in "over-all". (GPO Style Manual; also at variance with usage in line 1 of second paper.)

par. 4, l. 8   Shouldn't the "Chapter I" be replaced by "General Survey"? According to information received from CMI (in the form of minutes of the Planning Conference for Panama), the "Chapter I" is no longer used. Has this change had USIB approval?

par. 4, l.14-15   Introducing currency of information here seems inadvisable. The second paragraph states that the information is to be "relatively unchanging, fundamental characteristics,...." I suggest deletion of "which can be kept up-to-date at reasonable intervals."

par. 4, l.14-15   If retained, delete the hyphens in "up-to-date". Not a unit modifier here.

Direction and Management of the NIS Program (Second Paper)

par. 4.c.   Delete the entire paragraph. Not appropriate in a directive concerning the NIS Program; stated "over and above the NIS." (See also recommended deletion of the last sentence in paragraph 1 of the first paper.)

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